



ATTACHMENT A

Remarks

By this Amendment, various corrections as noted below have been made in the specification and claims in order to place the present application in condition for allowance.

Initially in the *Drawings* section of the outstanding Office Action, the single figure was objected to for not having descriptive language in the boxes. By this Amendment, a substitute figure has been provided which has the required descriptive language. Therefore, it is submitted that this drawings objection has been overcome.

In the *Specification* section of the Action, the abstract was objected to for a number of reasons, including for not being on a separate page¹. By this Amendment, a substitute Abstract has now been provided in order to overcome the noted objections.

Also in the *Specification* section, the Title was objected to for being too long. By this Amendment, the Title has been shortened.

Further in the *Specification* section, the examiner noted the guidelines for the “preferred layout” of an application and the headings which “should” be used in association therewith. It is noted the present application includes appropriate sections of the layout; and while headings are not provided, such are only “suggested” and hence are not mandatory. Therefore, no corrections to the specification in response to these notations are seen as necessary.

In the *Claims Objections* section, the claims were objected to for various informalities as noted by the examiner. Further in the *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112* section, the claims were rejected for being indefinite for the noted reasons. By this Amendment, the claims have been

¹ Though this requirement in a National Stage (371) application is “improper” (see MPEP § 1893.03(e)) since the PCT International Stage application contained an abstract on a separate page.

suitably revised to overcome the noted informalities and indefinite problems, as well as others of a similar nature. It will be noted that some of the changes required to independent claims 1 and 9 required the use of a single generic element where multiple specific elements had been listed in the alternative. In order to claim those multiple specific elements now canceled from claim 1, it will be appreciated new dependent claims 11-19 depending from claim 1 have been added which contain this subject matter. In view of the changes now made, it is submitted that the objections and rejections of the claims under § 112 have been overcome.

In the *Allowable Subject Matter* section, it was indicated that claims 1-10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under § 112. As this has now been accomplished as noted above, it is submitted that claims 1-10, as well as new dependent claims 11-19 which depend from allowable claim 1 as noted above, are now all allowable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.

ATTACHMENT D

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached Replacement sheet of drawings includes the following change(s):

- in figure 1: the addition of descriptive language to the boxes as required by the examiner.

The Replacement sheet replaces the original or previously filed corresponding sheet having the same figure.